



**Mike Baird**  
**Premier of NSW**  
**Minister for Western Sydney**

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward today announced a \$60 million package to target perpetrators and support women, men and children who have experienced domestic and family violence (DFV).

The package includes new Police Domestic Violence High-Risk Offender Teams to target perpetrators and reduce the rate of reoffending, as well as DFV Suspect Target Management Plans that will put offenders on notice. The package also includes mandated behaviour change programs to make perpetrators address their behaviour.

In addition, the package will increase crisis accommodation support as well as introduce Australia's first Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, which discloses information about a perpetrator's violent history and provide a stronger response to sexual assault.

"Domestic violence is a plague that needs to be eradicated across this state and country. No one should have to live in fear in their own home," Mr Baird said.

"We need to target these offenders to change their attitudes and behaviours to make a lasting change.

"One of my priorities is to reduce the rate of domestic and family violence reoffending within 12 months by five per cent by 2019."

Ms Goward said for decades effective action has been focused on supporting DFV victims and this new domestic violence package builds on that further by targeting perpetrators.

"More than one in five domestic violence offenders will end up in court convicted of another domestic violence offence within two years. This must change," Ms Goward said.

This is the first stage of the NSW Government's increased investment into DFV. The Government is currently working with the non-government sector to analyse service gaps through a DFV Blueprint. This work will be completed in 2016.

## FACT SHEET

### STAGE 1 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PACKAGE

The NSW Government has committed a **\$60 million** package to domestic and family violence (DFV). This is in addition to the **\$148.5 million** over four years the Government committed for specialist domestic and family violence services in the 2015-16 Budget. The package augments the Government's existing *It Stops Here* DFV reforms. It responds to the Premier's priority to reduce reoffending by 2019, and supports victims to escape and survive domestic and family violence.



## Supporting victims



**\$20 million**

to **increase the Specialist Homelessness Services' capacity** through additional emergency accommodation and supports for women and children affected by domestic violence, and enable services to respond more quickly.

Australia's first **Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme** will commence in four Police Local Area Commands from early 2016 including Oxley, Shoalhaven, St George and Sutherland.



**\$2.3 million**

over two years for **Police-NGO Partnerships** to provide NGO-led early intervention support and crisis responses to applicants of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.



**\$1.3 million**

over four years to increase **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs)** in high-risk communities in rural and regional NSW.

The **Staying Home Leaving Violence program** will expand to four new sites including Coffs Harbour, Inverell, Orange and Clarence Valley.



The **DFV Blueprint** is an analysis of the service gaps in the DFV system. This is currently underway with experts across the non-government and government sectors. Work will be completed in 2016 as part of the *It Stops Here* reforms.



### GETTING HELP

Anyone in immediate danger should call **000**.

For information and support call the NSW Domestic Violence Line on **1800 656 463** or **1800 RESPECT** on **1800 737 732**.

For information and referral to crisis accommodation and support call Link2home on **1800 152 152**.

Men having problems with violent behaviour can call the Men's Referral Service on **1300 766 491**.